



AGENDA SPOTLIGHT

Breakout Sessions I. and II.

Friday, February 3, 2012

3:00 – 4:00 pm and 4:15 – 5:15 pm

(Rooms TBD)

OBJECTIVES

The goal of the Breakout sessions is to have a robust dialogue on challenge posed, and potentially to come up with courses of action leading to the Rio+20 conference in June. These Breakout sessions will be organized around the four verticals themes of Health, Environment, Agriculture, and Sustainable Environmental Growth, and the cross- cutting theme of Big Data. In each of these self-selected groups, participants will not only discuss the various challenges from different countries and organizations, they will also try to think of innovative solutions that use connection technologies.

Breakout Sessions are Follow-on Discussions from Panel II: The Breakout sessions will follow up on the presentations of the earlier panel (Panel II) on “Framing the Challenges,” which will feature four speakers on the four vertical themes.

ISSUES TO EXPLORE

1. What are the key challenges you face in the (health/agriculture/environment/sustainable economic growth/big data) field in your particular country/organization?
2. What are the principal obstacles to seeking solutions?
3. Where have there been success stories in overcoming these obstacles?
4. What are the financing considerations/constraints?
5. What can governments do (or not do) to assist?

6. How can connection technologies be developed/utilized to advance solutions?

MODALITIES

There will be two sets of Breakout sessions divided into the five themes. Participants are encouraged to join in different vertical discussions during the two Breakout sessions to generate cross-fertilization of ideas.

To begin, one of the two co-facilitators for each session will start with a short talk that elaborates on a challenge touched on by the Panel II speaker on that vertical theme, and the other co-facilitator will lead the discussion. The roles of the co-facilitators will reverse in the second breakout session. Stanford students will serve as notetakers during those sessions. Following the two breakout sessions, the co-facilitators and students will prepare a five minute summary that will be presented by one of the facilitators at the Summation of Key Themes session on Saturday.

Unconference on Saturday Continues the Conversation: Participants from the breakout sessions should be encouraged to continue the discussions in the unconference on Saturday. The focus should be on finding solutions to the challenges raised during your session. This format allows participants to launch their own topic of discussion that may relate to issues brought up in the breakout session that would benefit from more dialogue and discussion.

Jerry Michalski will serve as the guide for both Breakout sessions. Following are the facilitators for the five vertical themes of the two Breakout sessions:

Health

Facilitated by:

1. Amy Lockwood, *Deputy Director for Stanford's Center for Innovation in Global Health*
2. Jae Chung, *CEO & Founder of goBalto*

Environment

Facilitated by:

1. Dr. Shalini Vajjhala, *Special Representative, Office of the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
2. Chris Turner, *Director of World Business Council for Sustainable Development*

Agriculture

Facilitated by:

1. Amy Klement, *Vice President of Omidyar Network*
2. Daniel Sumner, *Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of California, Davis*

Sustainable Economic Growth

Facilitated by:

1. TBD
2. Saad Khan, *CMEA Capital*

Big Data

Facilitated by:

1. Chris Shipley, *CEO of Guidewire Group*
2. Nathan Waterhouse, *Co-Founder of OpenIDEO*

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